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## Minutes 12/05/2011

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 5, 2011**  
 7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. Rowe, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. LaCourt and Mr. Dunn  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka  
 Absent: Mr. Greeley

### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: November 21, 2011
  - b. Request: Special One-Day Beer & Wine License, 12/17/11, "The Vivs 2nd Annual Holiday Benefit and Bash" @ The Regent Theatre  
 Terri Brosius, The Children's Room

Mr. Dunn moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

### APPOINTMENTS

2. Introduction: New Appointees to Board of Youth Services  
 Lauren Boyle  
 Gina Murphy  
 (terms to expire 6/30/14)  
 Lauren Boyle and Gina Murphy both appeared before the Board. Both were appointed to the Board on November 21st of which neither could appear.  
 Ms. Rowe thanked them for their willingness to serve on said Board.

3. Appointment: Board of Youth Services  
 Malachy Shaw-Jones  
 (term to expire 6/30/14)  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

7:30 p.m.

4. Discussion: Property Classification - Tax Rate  
 John Speidel, Assessor  
 Mr. Kevin Feeley, Chairman, Board of Assessors, stated that DOR was still certifying the Town's accounts, therefore, he asked the Board of Selectmen to continue the Hearing until Monday, December 12th, at 6:00 p.m.. He stated he had received assurances from DOR that the figures would be available by Friday.  
 Mrs. Mahon moved to call a special meeting for Monday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. to hold a tax classification hearing and set the residential and commercial property tax rate. SO VOTED (4-0)

### 5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Gordon Jamieson and Judy Brazile, both members of the Recycling Committee, appeared before the Board regarding Community Collection Day at the Town Yard on Saturday, November 19th. Residents were able to drop off a variety of home items to be recycled including CRTs - \$10.00 per unit, bikes, books, confidential papers, old prescriptions and small electric items such as hair dryers, toasters, clothing, old sneakers and other small items. They thanked the staff from the Public Works Dept, Police Dept. and Board of Health for their support in helping with this event.

Sean Sullivan and Martin Conroy appeared before the Board to discuss putting a second rescue in service while staying at the current staffing level of 15 firefighters on duty. The effect of this would cause the dedicated Ladder Truck, Ladder 1, to be put out of Service. It was their understanding that if the Override vote passed this past June that according to the "Yes for Arlington" campaign that with an Override, the AFD could restore all cuts allowing operating both the Quint and the Ladder Truck. They are now hearing that Ladder Truck 1 would be taken out of service to allow a second ambulance to operate. They understand that to put a 2nd rescue in service would increase Town Revenues, but they feel they do not have the staff to maintain these services.

Town Manager Sullivan stated that there would be no changing of staff and at the present time the Firefighters are in the middle of negotiations. When negotiations are through the Manager will present a proposal to the Board.

#### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

6. Request: Residential Handicap Parking @ 91 Fairmont Street, Apt. 2  
Lisa M. Klaczyk  
Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Report: Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development  
A-TED Committee

Howard Winkler, member of the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee, announced that work has been finished on a comprehensive booklet regarding the promotion of Battle Road. The Battle Road Scenic Byway is the Road to Revolutions. The Battle Road was designated as a Massachusetts State Scenic Byway in 2006 with the intention of recognizing, protecting, and enhancing its unique resources. Battle Road is located in the towns of Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln and Concord. Mr. Winkler stated that 180 historic sites have been identified along the route during the process of assembling the booklet, which was done largely by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. The towns received \$150,000. in state and federal grant money to have the corridor management plan produced. The four towns will collaborate on a management plan for the historic route, which will include common signage. Ms. Rowe thanked Mr. Winkler and his Committee for all their efforts and looked forward to working with the Committee.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

8. Approval: Recommended Decision on Petition for Removal of Dog, 'Kody', owned by David and Jeanne Hobbie  
Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the recommended decision Captain Flynn issued in this matter with two amendments.

1. The owners' trainer, Bette Yip, will report on Kody's progress to Animal Control Officer Thomas Quintal at the end of 10 weeks.
2. In three months, the Board would like Captain Flynn to send an update to the Board concerning any new incidents with Kody.

Ms. LaCourt moved to accept these recommendations with a request if conditions are not followed as set forth, Captain Flynn would report back to the Board within the three month period.

SO VOTED (3 - 0)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

#### 9. Discussion: New Draft Hackney/Taxi Licensing Regulations

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Town Counsel Rice gave the Board a brief update on a process to revise the town's regulations for taxi service. Under State law, municipalities have control over the licensing of taxis within their borders. Town Counsel Rice stated that Arlington's regulations are somewhat dated and the new regulations would potentially call for taxis to receive a medallion, which would be affixed to the vehicle. Right now, licensed cabs are not marked in any special way.

Ms. Rice recommended holding a public hearing on the town's taxi licensing procedures in January with the intention of implementing new regulations by April 2012.

Ms. Lacourt moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### Correspondence Received

Chad Gibson	Snow Removal in East Arlington	Be Rec'd
Alex Bilsky		
East Arlington Livable		
Streets Coalition		

Evan Liwin	AHS Cancelled Dances	Be Rec'd
47 Mytic Street		

Ms. Lacourt moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon stated that she supports Mary Villano, Acting Principal at AHS, in taking appropriate action in stopping the dances indefinitely due to drinking and the behavior of some students, but wants people to know that not all dances are like that. She stated she ran several dances and the students have been well behaved and she feels they have been portrayed poorly.

#### New Business

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Sullivan to reinstall the plaque for Commissioner Walter Boyle when the DCR has completed its project at the Mass. Avenue Cambridge Line.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Pop Warner A team will be competing on Friday.

Mr. Dunn attended an exhibit at the Griffin Museum in Winchester regarding the Old Schwamb Mill and it was very interesting. Mr. Dunn was very impressed with the Mill.

Ms. LaCourt moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m..

SO VOTED (4-0)

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS December 19, 2011.

#### Item Documents Used

1(a) draft minutes 11.21.11

1(b) Special (One-Day) Liquor License Application - Terri Brosius/The Vivs

2 11/4/11 memo from Brian Sullivan re Board of Youth Services appointment (Boyle) with attached 9/21/11 e-mail from Lauren Boyle to Christine Connolly  
11/4/11 memo from Brian Sullivan re Board of Youth Services appointment (Murphy) with attached 9/26/11 e-mail from Gina Murphy to Christine Connolly

- 3 12/1/11 memo from Brian Sullivan re Board of Youth Services appointment (Shaw-Jones) with attached CV  
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6 Inspections Summary Report - Lisa Klaczyk, 91 Fairmont Street  
7 Arlington Committee on Tourism and Development Report on Scenic Byway  
8 Recommended Decision on Petition for Removal (Kody the Dog), exhibits (##1-15)  
9 12.1.11 memo from Juliana Rice re Revised Draft Taxi Regulations; Revised Draft Taxi Regulations; 12.1.11 e-  
mail from Daniel Kalantar, William Thompson re same  
---- 11.22.11 letter East Arlington Livable Streets Coalition to Michael Rademacher, Department of Public Works  
Director re snow removal 12.1.11 letter Evan Litwin to Board of Selectmen re Cancelled School Dances